

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 8,347,427 B2
APPLICATION NO. : 13/216521
DATED : January 8, 2013
INVENTOR(S) : Michael Edward Klicpera

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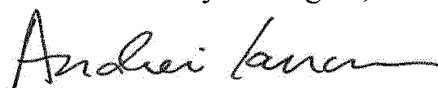
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This certificate supersedes the Certificate of Correction issued May 8, 2018.

Signed and Sealed this
Thirteenth Day of August, 2019



Andrei Iancu
Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

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In the Claims

Claim 1 reads:

“A water parameter use and monitoring apparatus comprising:
a base station designed to be connected to a main water supply, said base station including a housing;
said base station having a plurality of joint means for connecting to said cold or ambient main water supply;
said plurality of joint means including an input cold or ambient joint means designed to be engaged to the output of a cold or ambient water near or at the water supply;
said apparatus designed to be installed prior to any distribution lines within a residence or commercial building;
said apparatus having one or more display means, said display means can be programmed to visually display one or more water parameters;
electrical circuitry including a microprocessor contained within said base station, said base station having a power source;
one or more flow sensors in close proximity to said water supply, said one or more flow sensors in electrical communication with said electrical circuitry;
one or more wired or wireless communication means in communication with said electrical circuitry, said communication means having the capability to transfer said water parameters; and
said communication means utilizing technology to securely provide water parameters in a confidential format to one or more remote monitoring apparatuses”

Claim 1 should read:

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a base station designed to be connected to a cold or ambient main water supply for a residence or commercial building, said base station including a housing;
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said plurality of joint means having a first output for connecting to the output of said cold or ambient main water supply;
said base station installed upstream of distribution lines inside said residence or commercial building;
said apparatus having one or more display means, said display means capable of being programmed to visually display one or more water parameters;
electrical circuitry, including a microprocessor contained within said base station, said base station having a power source;
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one or more wired or wireless communication means in communication with said electrical circuitry, said one or more wired or wireless communication means having the capability of communicating water parameter data and utilizing technology to securely communicate water parameter data in a confidential format to one or more remote monitoring apparatuses. -



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Appl. No.: 13/216,521
Filed: 08/24/2011

PART (A) RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION

This is a decision on the Certificate of Correction request filed 21 March 2019.

The request for issuance of Certificate of Correction for the above-identified correction(s) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.322 and/or 1.323 is hereby:

(Check one)

☒ Approved ☐ Approved in Part ☐ Denied

Comments: _____

PART (B) PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.324 OR 37 CFR 1.48

☐ This is a decision on the petition filed _____ to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

☐ This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 1.48, petition filed _____. In view of the fact that the patent has already issued, the request under 37 CFR 1.48 has been treated as a petition to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

The petition is hereby: ☐ Granted ☐ Dismissed

Comment: _____

The patented filed is being forwarded to Certificate of Corrections Branch for issuance of a certificate naming only the actual inventor or inventors.

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Serial Number 13/216,521)	
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Examiner: Lori Lynn Baker)	
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For: Water Use Monitoring)	
Apparatus)	
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for entry in the above identified patent application.

✓ Certification of Correction

DATED this 21st day of March 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

/Michael E. Klicpera/

Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 38,044

The Applicant is submitting this request for a Certificate of Correction to patent 8,347,427, which discloses a water monitoring apparatus that is connected to the cold or ambient water supply only. The proposed modifications are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 255; 37 CFR § 1.323. Certificate of correction of Applicant's mistake which states that whenever a mistake of a clerical or typographical nature, or of minor character, which was not the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, appears in a patent and a showing has been made that such mistake occurred in good faith, the Director may, upon payment of the required fee, issue a certificate of correction, if the correction does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require reexamination. Such patent, together with the certificate, shall have the same effect and operation in law on the trial of actions for causes thereafter arising as if the same had been originally issued in such corrected form.

The errors in the specification are those references to shower devices that rather should be directed to a water use monitoring apparatus (water meter). The errors occurred by transferring portions of paragraphs from related applications. These errors are clerical and of minor character and have no new matter nor expand the scope of the application.

Patent 8,347,427, which discloses a water monitoring apparatus that is connected to the cold or ambient water supply only. This is clearly disclosed in Column 5, lines 20-24, and Figures 7 and 8 of the 8,347,427 patent.

Claim 1 was amended to clarify the original disclosure of the 8,347,427 patent to have a plurality of water connections (cold or ambient water) one for the input water supply and one for the output water source to the residential or commercial building. The amendment to Claim 1 is only clerical and of minor character and does not add any new matter, nor does it expand the scope of the claim.

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